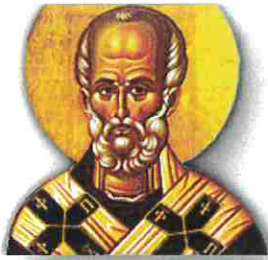


AUGUST 7, 2022 – SUNDAY AFTER THE TRANSFIGURATION; 8th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Ss. Dometios of Persia and Disciples; Nikanor the Wonderworker

7th (Grave) Tone

Orthros Gospel 8



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL!

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Our Sunday worship schedule: June 12 – Sept 5: Orthros 8:15 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS! You are honored guests here at St. Nicholas Cathedral and welcome at all our services. We invite you to receive the Holy Eucharist (Communion) if you are an Orthodox Christian who has prepared yourself through fasting, prayer, and confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we respectfully invite you instead to come forward at the end of the service for a blessing by the priest and a piece of blessed bread (antidoron).

Our Mission & Vision Statements

The **MISSION** of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral is to Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a Spirit of Unity and Love for All through Worship, Service, Education, Fellowship and Outreach.

Our **VISION** is to be a Welcoming and Growing Parish, Striving to Live the New Life in Christ according to the Teachings and Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Faith.

Watch Sunday services, which are still streaming live from St Nicholas Cathedral at www.stnickspgh.org/ and click on "Live Streaming Click Here."

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TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE is being chanted for the soul of the servant of God, Mary Vasilakis (40 days).

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and fellowship following services in the Large Hall hosted by Parish Council and sponsored by the family of Mary Vasilakis.

PLEASE WELCOME METROPOLIS CHANCELLOR FATHER GEORGE CALLOS

PLEASE NOTE - THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

Beloved in Christ: It would appear that my recovery from COVID will take longer than previously anticipated. Accordingly, please welcome Metropolis Chancellor Fr. George Callos, who will celebrate the Orthros and Divine Liturgy this Sunday, August 7 (in the Small Hall). Reluctantly, I must also cancel the remaining Paraklesis services.

I hope to resume the printed schedule from next Sunday, August 14 - on, including August 15.

I shall keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

In Christ's love, Fr. Christopher Bender

- **Sunday August 14, 2022:**

Memorial Service for George Zaras (1 year) and George Bertos (15 years).

TODAY'S SPECIAL HYMNS AND READINGS:

First to be heard as the clergy exit for the Small Entrance is the Festal hymn for the Transfiguration: Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδυναντο. Λάμπσον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ αἰδίον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι. You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also shine in us, sinners though we may be, Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Giver of light: Glory to You.

The Clergy chant the usual Entrance Hymn as they reenter the Altar:

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα. Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

The Resurrection Apolytikion for the week (7th or Grave Tone) follows:

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος. By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Next comes the Hymn for our patron saint, Nicholas the Wonderworker:

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας Διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν. The truth of things have revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause you have achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Finally, we hear the Kontakion of the Feastday:

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταὶ σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance. [SD]

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: I CORINTHIANS 1:1-17. Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. [RSV]

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 14:14-22. At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. [RSV]

2022 Stewardship Pledge Cards are in the Narthex
(Just ask a member of Parish Council)

If you have already submitted your 2022 Stewardship Commitment, THANK YOU! If not, please take the time to make financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable OUR Community to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.

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<u>2022</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	261 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$136,724.00 GOAL (\$225,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$735.08

Greek School

Greek School for children will **start on Saturday, September 17, 2022**, not on September 10. There will be registration for Greek School after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 11. Adult classes TBA will begin in October.

Our annual GOMoP Regional Youth and Young Adult Paraklesis will take place this Wednesday, August 10 at 6:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Ambridge, PA. Please let Holy Trinity know if you are coming by 2 p.m. on Monday by calling 724-266-5336.

OASIS INTERGENERATIONAL TUTORING: *An Hour a Week Can Change a Child's Life. Become an Oasis tutor.* Volunteers tutor students in the Pittsburgh Public, Woodland Hills, Wilkinsburg, Duquesne City, and the Environmental Charter School Districts in grades K-4 in reading and writing. Free training will be given to adults age 50 and over. Training will involve face-to-face tutoring as well as mandated reporter training. All materials and clearances are provided by Oasis. Three training sessions will be held on Wednesday, August 10th and Thursday, August 11th; Wednesday, August 24th and Thursday, August 25th; and Wednesday, September 14th and Thursday, September 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Training is held at the Oasis Office, 411 Seventh Avenue (Duquesne Light Building), downtown Pittsburgh. For more information on how to become an Oasis tutor, please call John D. Spehar, Director, Pittsburgh Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program at (412) 393-7648 or by e-mail at jdspehar@oasisnet.org. Oasis Tutoring is a Program of Literacy Pittsburgh.

Cathedral Ceiling Damage Update

This summary is to update you on the situation for repairing the plaster damage on the church ceiling. A large piece of the ceiling plaster, about 4 ft. x 8 ft, fell over the middle of the right-side aisle (looking toward the altar). Given the large weight and size of plaster chunks which fell nearly 40 feet, we were very fortunate that no one was underneath it.

To date, we have had a structural engineer and the insurance adjuster evaluate the damage. Nick Lardas has also provided his expertise and assistance for coordinating the efforts. The key finding from the engineer was that the failure was essentially from old age – cracks originated at cutouts in the ceiling (lights, ducts) and then slowly expand until the plaster weight could no longer be supported. It is very important to not just repair the damaged spot, but we must fix any additional areas where the cracking condition is underway. The engineer has provided a method for us to detect if there is underlying cracking and provided a method to mechanically repair areas where cracking has started but is still minor.

In a nutshell, the repair plan is to erect scaffolding so that the entire ceiling can be tested for underlying damage, fix damaged areas either mechanically or by re-plastering, and of course, repair the portion that has fallen.

The insurance company has agreed to pay to repair the spot that has fallen, but amount provided for repair was minuscule. We will document our repair costs and seek more funds from the insurance company.

At this time, we cannot say when we can move services from the small hall back into the church. Once we know the extent of repairs and the scheduling of scaffolding and repair contractors, we can plan for a reopen date.

Maintenance Committee

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AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13
KOIMISIS OF THE THEOTOKOS FAST CONTINUES						
14 9th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. LAST DAY OF FAST Great Vespers in Aliquippa or Oakmont	15 Koimisis Tis Theotokou Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas (Or check NAMEDAY celebrating parishes for service times)	16	17	18	19	20
21 10th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	22 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26	27
28 11th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. STRICT FAST!	30	31			